

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Robeson Baptist Association Operating Account

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<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>
Antioch	\$3,250.00	Oakdale	0
Back Swamp	0	Oak Grove	\$1,500.00
Baltimore	\$1,875.00	Oakton	\$782.67
Barnesville	\$2,038.92	Orrum	\$600.00
Bear Swamp	\$5,320.76	Parkton	\$750.00
Berea	\$1,000.00	Pittman Grove	\$1,296.43
Iglesia Bet-el	\$1,960.54	Pleasant Hope	0
Bethel	0	Proctorville	\$2,200.00
Beulah	\$250.00	Raeford First	\$4,000.00
Bladen Union	\$1,750.00	Raft Swamp	\$530.52
Bloomington	\$1,000.00	Raynham	0
Broad Ridge	\$5,941.46	Red Springs First	\$1,385.72
Calvary	\$173.93	Roca Eterna	\$600.00
Carolina	\$300.00	Rowland First	\$200.00
Cedar Grove	\$3,245.00	Rozier	0
Centerville	\$2,000.00	St. Pauls First	\$5,122.00
Charity	\$500.00	St. Pauls Second	\$2,070.00
Clybonville	\$5,980.00	Sand Hill	\$3,026.26
East Lumberton	\$4,166.00	Shannon	\$600.00
Ephesus	\$675.00	Singletary	0
Fairmont First	\$1,155.00	Smyrna	\$500.00
Five Forks	\$200.00	Ten Mile	\$1,200.00
Forest Acres	\$836.77	Tolarsville	\$2,139.76
Friendship Memorial	0	West Lumberton	\$1,500.00
Godwin Heights	\$7,458.75	Westside	\$1,013.00
Great Marsh	0	White Pond	\$200.00
Green Springs	\$3,476.25	Zion Hill	\$4,623.47
Hillcrest	\$5,064.43	Zion's Tabernacle	\$2,500.00
Hog Swamp	\$2,000.00		
Hyde Park	\$7,500.00		
Long Branch	\$4,401.77		
Lumber Bridge	0		
Lumberton First	\$3,000.00		
Maxton First	\$2,440.00		
McDonald	0		
Midway	0		
Mt. Elim	\$2,484.42		
Mt. Moriah	0		
Mt. Vernon	\$2,500.00		
Mt. Zion	\$50.00		
North Lumberton	\$1,350.00		
		<b>Total Income from Churches</b>	<b>\$123,683.73</b>

# ROBESON BAPTIST NEWS

## ROBESON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Reaching Robeson With Real Love!

## It is Time for our Church to Give

*"For God so loved the world, He gave..."*

This is the greatest season of giving. God is very concerned about our stewardship because how we give helps us to understand the importance of the Lordship of Christ in our lives. Jesus is more concerned about the motivation than the motion of giving, the attitude of the giver than the amount of the gift.

### What does the Bible teach?

Giving is responsibility and an opportunity.

Giving is a response to God in three ways:

1. What He had done in the Past
2. What He is doing in the Present
3. What He will do in the Future

Giving is an activity of Grace! (2 Corinthian 8:7)

Grace giving is love growing through the local church. It is the local church's responsibility to meet needs through missions and ministries.

### Why do we give?

Does God need our money? Do we feel guilt or pressure?

1. *Giving allows us to express our appreciation for our blessings* (Matthew 25:31-46)

We are accountable to what we do with His blessings

Giving to others is like giving to God

Not giving to the needy is not giving to God

We need each other

The World is looking for someone to show them how to give

2. *Giving allows us to examine our motives in the present*

God owns everything, we are just the managers (2 Corinthians 8:5)

The Lord wants to see how faithful we are with money before he will trust us with more important things

We Prevent selfishness as Christians and churches when we start with tithing and go beyond

To grow spiritually, we must give Him the first fruits and seek Him first!

3. *Giving allow us expand our expectations of the Future* (2 Corinthians 9:6)

God sees our giving as a future investment

He wants us to lay up treasure in Heaven

God dares us to try out Him, because our giving determines what God can do for us

We reap what we sow (Luke 6:38)

We have become inconsistent in our giving Commitment and wonder why God isn't blessing us

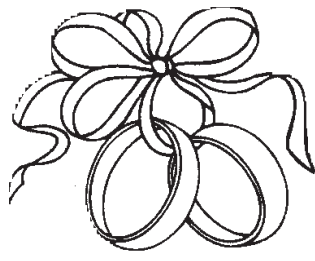
### Remember the two ways of Giving:

1. Reason Giving (by sight) - figure out how much we can afford
2. Revelation Giving (by faith) - giving how much God will provide

Our Church will begin to grow and go when we quit griping and complaining about what we don't have and start rejoicing over what He has given us.

*"Lord, help us to learn that Real Living starts with Grace Giving!"*

J.S. (Bud) Parrish  
(2 Corinthians 8:5)



## Ministers' Anniversaries

### DECEMBER

24 Dr./Mrs. Worth Gerald, Smyrna

### JANUARY

11 Rev./Mrs. LeRoy Burke



# CHURCH NEWS

St. Pauls First is looking for a part-time minister of music. If you or someone you know may be interested contact 865-4141 or email [sbcstpauls@embarqmail.com](mailto:sbcstpauls@embarqmail.com).

### How should a willing Christian give according to Scripture (2 Corinthians 8:3-5)

#### Give:

1. Abundantly (2 Corinthians 8:7)
2. Compassionately (Acts 11:29-30)
3. Faithfully (1 Corinthians 16:2a)
4. Freely (Mark 10:8b)
5. Joyfully (2 Corinthians 9:7)
6. Purposely (Matthew 16:19-21)
7. Worshipfully (Mark 12:43-44)

### How can we minister more effectively in our Community/Association?

- 1) **Prayer** - Continue to pray for each school in a local area.
- 2) **Give** - Give to minister to our local community.
- 3) **Go** - be a missionary as we build ramps and help those less fortunate.

*Call the Association for more information.*

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# PRAYER CALENDAR

## Group VII

Berea	November 30 - Dec. 6
Cedar Grove	December 7 - 13
Antioch	December 14 - 20
Beulah	December 21 - 27
Midway	December 28 - Jan. 3
Zion's Tabernacle	January 4 - 10

## Group I

Broad Ridge	January 14 - 17
Mt. Elim	January 18 - 24
Hog Swamp	January 25 - 31



# Calendar of Activities

## DECEMBER 2008

Nov. 30 - Dec. 7 International Missions Emphasis/Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

25 Christmas Day

## JANUARY 2009

1 New Year's Day

5 Ministers Conference - Financial Information, Johnny Ross, Guidestone

16-17 Baptist Men's Board Meeting, Caraway

19 Associational Board Meeting at Cedar Grove Baptist Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Time

25 Baptist Men's Day in the churches

31 RBA Baptist Men's Rally - Details to Come



Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year  
  
Bud and Mary Lynn